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Federal Communications Commission Mass Media Bureau 1919 M Street Room 313 Washington, D.C. 20554

June 2, 2003

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To Whom it May Concern,

Our group TEN VOICES PLUS has been working for years to get the FCC to stand up to their responsibility and enforce the existing laws that control the media.

We, and all our associates, are now shuddering to see that are they are relinquishing even more of their authority, and handing over the decision of what will be aired to a few powerful hands.

There is no room for a monopoly is the media.

The airways are everyone's.

They are giving away the public's rights.

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We do not see how any part of our government can let this happen!!

Of all organizations that should fight against that, it should be the FCC. We assumed the FCC was FOR the public!!

If this bureau can not do it's job, or if they are not willing to, then congress must create a new bureau that will.

Oh, Big Brother!!!!

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Dear Ms. Secretary:

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Buffalo and Associate Members join me in expressing our concern about the possibility of large media units becoming even larger—and sending smaller, local units more into the shadows

As the media landscape across the country changes due to technology, it is very important that we have many independent presenters of information. Communities should not be subject to cross ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, one entity should not be permitted to own the majority of TV and radio stations.

Avenues for local programming and voices need to be protected!

Sincerely,

Sister Elizabeth Sarrye Elizabeth Savage, SSJ

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Chairman Michael Powel and staff,

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I would rive to be graterate you on orchestrating a very insightful public debate on the changing architecture of American media landscape. Until this afternoon, I was completely unaware of the desperate situation facing some of the worlds most powerful media corporations. However, I was under the impression that the FCC's primary goal was to serve the public. Evidence of your commissions lack of commitment to diversity and equality in broadcasting rights permeate my community. Of an estimated thirty five FM radio broadcast stations that serve my community, I enjoy listening to only one. I am not alone in this opinion. A large percentage of the people I know also regard the fm band as a virtual wasteland, incapable of delivering even the most rudimentary pertinent news, information, or entertainment. How can it be that only one station, in the entire San Diego region, is able to deliver both entertaining musical programming and pertinent news information helpful in understanding events both local and worldwide? The answer is simple. The one station which has the complete loyalty of my FM tuner operates completely beyond the jurisdiction of commission in which you currently head. By operating without a license, this station makes a powerful statement of defiance to the corrupt policies of the FCC; polices directly responsible for the disgraceful state of our local FM band. The unlicensed station has been embraced by the community. It is this stations dedication to an increasingly ignored portion of our community that makes it such a valued asset. There is deep resentment towards the FCC for its attempts to terminate the only station we enjoy and support. No excuse is acceptable to us. Your abuse of authority is the problem, not unlicensed broadcasters. The FCC had ample opportunity to grant independent voices a small portion of the proadcast band. However, as evidence of how the FCC is beholden the corporate agendas, the FCC completely ignored public needs and public demands, and thus forced law abiding citizens to pursue their first amendment rights by openly defying your unconstitutional authority. These rights are shared by unlicensed broadcasters and their leval listeners alike. To alienate and criminally prosecute the

broadcasters is to also alienate a large portion of our community. It is not at all difficult for us to understand how the FCC has been transformed into a tool by which private power amplifies the profit driven agenda an extremely isolated private sector of society. There is nothing "mythical" about our discontent. To completely disregard the portion of society that fully comprehends the FCC true role in broadcasting is a grave mistake.

My understanding of your misdeeds and my belief and admiration for unlicensed broadcasting are undeniable truths. They are shared truths, common among citizens everywhere and will surely outlast any benefit you gain as a result of the misuse of your authority. Freedom of speech, press, and information are infinitely more important than the nominal, insignificant, and arbitrary financial profits. I don't feel overwhelmingly compelled to convince you of this, I believe an individual in your position is well aware of the . I also believe you are well aware of the consequences of the FCC's misconduct. Rest assured that hundreds of thousands of citizens are also aware of such consequences, and with respect to human convictions, not state sponsored convictions, hold you personally responsible. We recognize your disservice, and hope that at some point you will understand that the arbitrary rewards of obedience you have gained are insignificant. And though for the time being you occupy yourself with the accumulation of such insignificance, we rest assured that in the end it will be of little compensation for such depraved behavior.

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Mr. Powell

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In my opinion Distribution where a rotten liar (or a very, very stupich person) when you spout this crap you've been spouting about increasing diversity in the media when any person with half a brain knows you are doing exactly the opposite.

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The commissioners of the FOQ-MAILROOM

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To am estrayed that the FCC took it upon themselves to give even more of the PUBLICACLY CINED! arraves to a few media giants that reap an immerse amount of many off our property. Everybody I know liberal, conservative, radical right, and radical left do not want further consolidation of media ownersup. Confirmed This is not the only letter the JUN 1 2017 CC has received on this natter, Even in Distribution Contol the public exposition, I know the FC I aware of the decission was to keep the public (who own the arrayones) out of the decision making process. Charman Powell has had I public hearings on this nexterned (THESE CORPORATIONS DO NOT UWN THE AIRWAVES). How gracious of Charman Powell to allow the the public in on less than 2% of the meeting, regarding this work. I am very happy that Comissioners Copps and Alberstren foight so adamented against this vote. I cody proch as you do.

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"Disappointment" is not the appropriate word - "astonishment" is not right either -- rather the best approximation is OUTRAGE. This word applies to the recent FCC decision to loosen media-ownership rules.

You know we STILL live in a democracy. But this decision seriously makes me wonder. I am one who is witnessing the dismantling of democracy in my own country!

Please permit me to remind you -- the airwaves belong to the people! Why then, need one like me (and the many, many others) write to you -- after the damaging dismantling has been effected -- and insist that adequate representation from all angles was lacking? Hence -- OUTRAGE.

I believe it was Thomas Jefferson who said: democracy depends on a properly-informed populace. You know there are more-than-adequate signs in our society now (especially under the present administration) that shout to us -- commercial and/or corporate interests dominate the media landscape! Or, perhaps, you don't know this. If you don't know this -- it's because you haven't been LISTENING to the PEOPLE (i.e., you are failing to behave democratically)!

It has now become necessary for us "media-for-the-people" folks to appeal to elected officials to clean up a mess that you - the FCC - has created. This will be done!!

In the meantime, you should READ the criticisms you are receiving now. The present letter AND all the others that are in your mailbox.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Yes, I would like an acknowledgement that you received & read this letter from a concerned media-user and citizen.

Dear Mr, Adelsten

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I urge you not to relay the broadcost ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave The way for ground media conglomerates to gain near-tolal control of radio and TV news and information in comunities across our nation. and many of the corporations that are now lobbiging the FCC to relay these ownership rules already have a know track rewid in attempting to keep opposin verypoints of the air. The american people deserve to here more than one point of vie on important casues. Therefore, bothe sak of our democracy and our bredom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownerships protections that, for decades, have helpe ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

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May 24, 2003

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Michael Powell Chairman, FCC 445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I urge you to delay the vote on eliminating ownership caps on broadcast media to give time for adequate discussion and reconsideration of the issues.

I find shocking your reported unwillingness to have an open process and to make the American public fully aware of the changes you and your Republican commissioners envision making. The very fact that so few people are aware of what you are doing is an indication of the problem of media consolidation in the hands of a few gigantic corporations. Further consolidation will make it even harder for citizens to be fully informed and to participate in the democratic process.

The fact that you have met frequently with industry leaders and have not given equal access to others who oppose your plan further indicate that you are NOT operating in the interest of the public that OWNS the public airwaves. I also find that the many trips that you have reportedly taken at industry expense is an indication that you have no regard for the public interest. You should be ashamed of yourself.

Sincerely,

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